

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 3)

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PLOS, TU  
SUBJ: SISMIK REMAINS IN ISTANBUL

REF: A) ANKARA 6678; B) ISTANBUL 2698

1. FOR THE RECORD, SISMIK I HAS BEEN IN ISTANBUL AREA SINCE WE  
REPORTED IT RETURNED ON AUGUST 8 IN REF B. VESSEL MOVED FROM  
ITS NORMAL ANCHORAGE MORNING SEPTEMBER 1 AND WAS SPOTTED HEADING  
INTO MARMARA SEA. HOWEVER, IT RETURNED THAT AFTERNOON MOVING UP  
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PHOSPHORUS TOWARD BLACK SEA. SEPTEMBER 3 CONGEN OFFICER  
FOUND IT ANCHORED AT BUYUKDERE NEAR BLACK SEA ENTRANCE TO  
BOSPHORUS AND ONE OF SEVERAL ANCHORAGES IT HAS USED IN ISTANBUL  
IN PAST. MORNING SEPTEMBER 9, CONGEN OFFICER SAW SISMIK I  
TIEING UP AT ITS REGULAR AND MOST VISIBLE, MOORING SPOT IN  
ARNAVUTKOY SECTION OF CITY.

2. FROM PHOTOGRAPH IN HURRIYET NEWSPAPER (REF A) APPEARS HOPA I, VESSEL REPORTEDLY FIRED ON BY GREEK FORCES ON SEPTEMBER 7, HAS DARK HULL, PERHAPS BLACK. SISMIK I IS STILL PAINTED A PRISTINE WHITE. ALTHOUGH VESSEL IS TO CERTAIN EXTENT POPULARLY KNOWN BY ITS FORMER NAME, "HORA", NAME "MTA SISMIK I" IS CLEARLY SHOWN ON BOW AND MASTHEAD. SISMIK I HAS RATHER TRIM LINES AND PRESUMABLY WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONFUSE IT WITH HOPA I, WHICH IS DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS TUGBOAT OR SALVAGE BOAT.

3. COMMENT: WE PRESUME GREEKS ARE MONITORING POSITION OF SISMIK I MUCH CLOSER THAN WE ARE, BUT IT COULD BE THAT FORAY INTO MARMARA SEA SEPTEMBER 1 WAS OBSERVED WITHOUT NOTING VESSEL'S RETURN THAT AFTERNOON. IF ONE FOLLOWS THIS THEORY THROUGH, DESPITE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HOPA I AND SISMIK, GREEK FORCES, ALERTED TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR TURK'S SEISMIC VESSEL COULD HAVE, AS SUGGESTED REF A, MISTAKEN HOPA I FOR SISMIK. IT IS EASY TO MAKE TOO MUCH OF SISMIK'S MOVEMENTS, BUT THIS MORNING'S MOVE BACK TO ARNAVUTKOY ON HEELS OF HOPA I INCIDENT WAS ONE SURE WAY OF INFORMING ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND ASSURING TURKISH PUBLIC THAT VESSEL WAS SAFELY IN PORT.  
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